

Big Game Records Newsletter
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Youth Hunter Registry

A. 2006/07- Unfinished Business

Fourteen-year old Dakota Stevens scored big on October 28, 2006 when he killed an eleven pointer that scored 131 6/8 B&C and qualifies for the 6th Recognition Program. Dakota was hunting on club land in Tangipahoa Parish during the 2006 Youth Hunt. Dakota also harvested an eight pointer a few months later on December 23. Christmas came early for this young Louisiana hunter.

During the 2006 Turkey Season Quinton Trammel of Grant, LA killed a trophy tom on West Bay WMA that scored 37.5 points based upon the LA Wild Turkey Scoring System. The gobbler had spurs that were slightly over one inch long.

B. 2007 Turkey Season

The youth hunt on the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area provided good action for participating youth hunters according to Tony Vidrine, Region 6 Wildlife Manager. The following youth hunters bagged gobblers during the two day hunt:

Sam Parish of Prairieville- 19 pounds, 9 3/8 inch beard
Anna Helm of Sunshine- 17 pounds, 8 3/8 inch beard
Sara Simon of Eunice- 15 1/2 pounds, 10 inch beard
Ben Baquet of Eunice- 16 pounds, 8 1/8 inch beard
Zach Guidry of Lafayette- 13 1/2 pounds, 4 inch beard
Jack Ripp of Pearl River- 16 1/2 pounds, 8 1/8 inch beard

On private lands in Pointe Coupee Parish, Andrew Jarreau of Melville killed a gobbler with 4 beards (10", 6", 5", 5") and Cy Bryson of Krotz Springs killed one with two beards (9" and 5") that weighed 19 pounds.

In Madison parish, Tyler Woodard of Rayville killed his first turkey. His gobbler weighed 17 pounds and sported a six inch beard (see photo gallery).

The youth hunt on the Thistlethwaite WMA produced two trophy toms. Garrett Young of Turkey Creek killed a gobbler weighing 19 1/2 pounds, had a 10 inch beard and nice 1 1/8 inch spurs. Nick Vidrine of Opelousas killed a gobbler that weighed 20 pounds with a 10 1/8 inch beard.

C. 2007/08 Deer Season

Based upon the success of our Louisiana Youth Hunters the new statewide deer management plan of Wildlife and Fisheries with its' three buck limit must be working. Just visit the Shreveport Times website, www.shreveporttimes.com, click on the Outdoor Section and look at the photos in the "Braggin Corner". Most of the photos are of area youth hunters. Jimmy Watson is the outdoor writer in Shreveport that keeps tabs on hunting success in northwest Louisiana.

Twelve-year-old Hannah Johnson, hunting in Lincoln Parish, killed a nine point buck. Hannah is the granddaughter of Glynn "Hominy" Harris, an outdoor writer in Ruston.

Nathan Boe and his friend Thomas Love, both 3rd graders at St. Lukes in Baton Rouge, killed bucks on opening day (an eight point and a seven point).

Alyson Woodson of Centerpoint killed a huge 222 pound ten point on land in Avoyelles Parish (see photo gallery).

Mae Amanda Murrell, 12 years old, hunting on Rifle Point Plantation killed a 210 pound eight point with a 17" inside spread. Looks like the girls can hold their own with the boys based upon these impressive bucks.

Kyle Darte killed his first deer in Vermilion Parish, a good nine-point buck (see photo gallery).

Dylan Elliott of West Lake killed a big 110-pound doe and is doing his part to keep the states' deer herd in balance (see photo gallery).

Twelve-year-old Caleb Bergeron, hunting in East Baton Rouge Parish, killed two bucks this past season, an eight point and a seven point.

Preston Robichaux of Belle Chasse killed his first deer, an eight pointer. This ten-year-old hunter is probably hooked for life now (see photo gallery).

Two of our Louisiana youth hunters visited MS during the deer season and had good success in our neighboring state. Ten-year-old Tiffanie Poche' killed an eight pointer (her first deer). Eleven-year-old Shelby Tate from Livingston Parish killed a huge 20 point buck on December 28 that will probably make the Magnolia State Record Book.

Chris "Green" Campbell, fourteen-years-old, did make the B&C Record Book. He killed a 30-point non-typical buck in Caddo Parish that scored 203 5/8 B&C. This is a new state record for a non-typical buck killed with a muzzleloader (see photo gallery).

D. Youth Hunter Registry email address

Youth hunters may now send their hunt information and photos to outdoor_roots@hotmail.com or you can continue to mail the forms to LDWF in Baton Rouge. Forms are available on the LDWF website, www.wlf.Louisiana.gov. Photographs are scanned for use in the newsletter and with everyone now using digital cameras it may be easier just to email the hunt information and photos.

New Non-Typical Muzzleloader Buck

Chris “Green” Campbell of Shreveport, a fourteen-year-old student at Byrd High School, raised the bar in the Non-Typical Muzzleloader Category when he killed a 30 point buck that scored 203 5/8 B&C. This deer takes over first place in the state record book and will qualify for the all-time Boone and Crockett record book. Green killed his deer on October 23 after getting a photo of the buck on a trail camera. The other hunters in the Campbell family gave Green first crack at the buck and this veteran youth hunter made the most of the opportunity. Green killed the buck with a .45 caliber CVA rifle that belonged to his grandfather, “Bo” Campbell. The buck weighed an impressive 265 pounds according to Green’s father, Chris. The rack was scored as a typical nine point with twenty-one abnormal points. The typical score after deductions was 133. The abnormal points, a total of 70 5/8 inches, were then added to this score to produce the final score of 203 5/8.

Public Land Hunts

Scott Durham, the state deer biologist for LDWF, reported that during the Thanksgiving managed hunts, some wmas had a kill of one deer per 4 or 5 hunter efforts. This is an excellent harvest for public lands. The statewide average is generally one deer per 11 hunter efforts. Ouachita WMA, Sicily Island Hills WMA, Fort Polk WMA and Big Lake WMA were the best wmas across the state. Other areas experiencing a good harvest included Buckhorn Boeuf, Russell Sage, Loggy Bayou, Jackson-Bienville and Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Areas.

These wmas not only provided opportunity for hunters looking to put meat in the freezer, but quite a few quality and trophy class deer were harvested on these areas during the season. An example of this is the 14-point buck killed by Amanda Fletcher Hinkie on Loggy Bayou during the Thanksgiving hunt. The buck had a 25” Inside Spread and 6 ½ inch bases.

2007/08 Big Bucks

The deer hunting has ended and now comes measuring time. There were several awesome bucks taken during the season, despite the mild temperatures during November and December. The February issue of the *Louisiana Sportsman* magazine highlights several of these deer in an article written by Andy Crawford.

There was big news during the early bow season when Billy Husted arrowed a huge non-typical buck that may set a new state record for that category. Good fortune continued for the Husted clan when Vicki, Billy's wife, killed a fourteen-point buck that was 22 inches on the inside and had six-inch bases. All of this action took place in Tensas Parish. Of course everyone knows this is one of the top parishes in the state for producing trophy white-tails.

Other notable bucks of the 2007/08 season include another fourteen-pointer killed by William Cook in Bienville Parish, a twelve-pointer killed by Chris Hadwin in Keithville, another twelve-pointer killed by Robert Heard Jr. with a muzzleloader, an eleven-pointer killed by Brandin Owens on Boeuf WMA, a ten pointer with seven inch bases killed by Natalie Lee in Tensas Parish, yet another fourteen pointer killed by Tony Maurello in EBR Parish, a ten-pointer killed by Julio Basas in St. Mary Parish with bow and arrow.

No doubt there are many more quality bucks that were killed this past season that would qualify for state recognition. If you think you have killed one of these contact your local Wildlife and Fisheries Office and make an appointment to have it officially scored. The 2007/08 season marks the beginning of the 6th Recognition Program that will take place over the next three years, 2007-2009.

Photo Gallery



Dakota Steven's Buck



Tyler Woodard and his first turkey.



Alyson Woodson with her 222 pound ten point.



Kyle Dartez and his nine pointer killed with a .243.



Dylan Elliott and a big doe killed on 11/10/07.



Preston Robichaux and his eight point buck.



Green Campbell and his thirty point non-typical, a new state muzzleloader record. Blue tape indicates the typical points and yellow/red tape marks the non-typical points.

